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In re application of:

Masoud Molaei

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For: AVOIDING STRESS-INDUCED
MARTENSITIC TRANSFORMATION
IN NICKEL TITANIUM ALLOYS USED
IN MEDICAL DEVICES

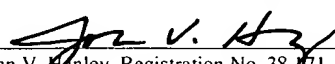
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